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SUBJECT: CIVAIR-SGAC SUSPENDS PAN AM TARIFF ON SOUTH PACIFIC

FARES

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1. PANAM BY LETTER DATED OCTOBER 9 FILED WITH SGAC NEW TARIFFS FOR NOUMEA/PAPEETE-US ROUTES. IN REPLY DATED OCTOBER 17 TO PANAM, ABRAHAM OF SGAC ORDERED IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION APPLICATION OF NEW TARIFFS PENDING SGAC DECISION THEREON WITHIN TIME FRAME PROVIDED UNDER RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF SECTION V (D) AND (G) OF US-FRANCE BILATERAL. (SGAC ALSO NOTES PANAM LETTER RECEIVED ONLY ON OCTOBER 15.)

2. IN LETTER TO RCAA ENCLOSING COPIES OF ABOVE SGAC CORRESPONDENCE WITH PANAM, ABRAHAM RESPONDS TO LETTER WE HAD SENT TO HIM DRAWING ON REFTEL (A) EXPLANATION OF CAB ACTION WHICH HAD BEEN SUBJECT OF HIS EARLIER PROTEST (REF B). IN HIS LETTER ABRAHAM ALLEGES THAT ON CONTRARY THERE SEEMS TO BE CONFUSION ON OUR PART; HE CLAIMS HE DID NOT QUESTION LEGITIMACY OF CAB

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ACTION WITHIN CONTEXT US-FRANCE BILATERAL BUT HAD MERELY

WISHED REMIND US THAT ANY NEW TARIFFS WOULD REQUIRE APPROVAL OF SGAC AS WELL AS CAB.

3. COMMENT: ABRAHAM LETTER IS EVIDENT BACKTRACKING FROM PRECIPITATE EARLIER PROTEST CLEARLY BASED ON MISINFORMATION, E.G., HIS ASSUMPTION THAT PANAM HAD AT THAT TIME ALREADY FILED NEW TARIFFS WITH CAB WHICH WE UNDERSTAND FROM PANAM WAS NOT THE CASE. HOWEVER, SGAC IS NOW CLEARLY WITHIN ITS RIGHTS UNDER BILATERAL IN REQUIRING 30 DAYS ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FROM PANAM OF NEW TARIFFS. PANAM REP INFORMS US SGAC ACTION THUS CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO THEM. HENCE, WE PROPOSE LET MATTERS REST PENDING FURTHER SGAC DECISION ON PAN AM FILING.

4. COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE AIRPOUCHED EB/AN.IRWIN

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